



INDIANA BEEF EVALUATION PROGRAM

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Attached is the 90-day summary for 183 bulls and 15 get-of-sire groups being evaluated in the 2017 Winter Test. Bulls were weighed on Monday, February 19 and their average weight was 1,205 pounds. Daily gain the previous 27 days was 4.11 lbs. For the entire 90 days, daily gain was 3.92 lbs.

Bulls are eating 2.08% of their body weight. The current ration contains corn silage, mixed grain baleage, corn, and DDGS. On Monday, three were checked for poor gains, but not treated. If your bull was treated since the last weigh day, a report is enclosed.

After Monday's weighing, Tuesday was busy, but thanks to the help of volunteers, things went smoothly. The structural soundness committee did its preliminary evaluations. Forty-one bulls were identified as having some concerns for either structural problems or disposition issues. If your bull is one of those of concern, a copy of the report is included in this mailing. Bulls listed as "OUT" will not be eligible for sale. Bulls listed as "recheck" will be rechecked in March and a final determination made. If you do not receive an inspection report, your bull was fine. Of course, on occasion additional concerns are identified at off-test on March 26.

We also took video clips of all bulls, in preparation of having video of sale eligible bulls on the IBEP web page. Additionally, Bonnie Bradford, of Premier Ultrasound, took measurements on 126 of the older bulls; the remaining bulls are scheduled to be scanned on March 20. For owners of these older bulls, if you have not already submitted 365-day weights to your respective breed association, we strongly encourage you to submit the February 19 weight, so that EPDs will be updated. However, if you would like to also submit yearling hip height data, it would be better to wait and submit the bull's off-test weight and hip height together, assuming the bull will be in the proper age range for 365-day data at that time.

Congratulations to owners who have bulls with excellent performance through 90 days. Below is a listing of bulls that have the highest Performance Index to date of their respective breed.

Performance Index	Ear Tag	Breed	%	Owner	City & State
132.6	5	Angus	PB	Bill Washburn	Olney, IL
124.1	132	Hereford	PB	Able Acres	Wingate, IN
123.3	93	SimAngus	63	Neal Brothers Simmentals	Bicknell, IN
115.0	85	Red Angus	PB	Walnut Creek Crossing Farms	Warsaw, IN
110.4	37	Charolais	PB	Harmon Charolais	Corydon, IN
105.0	108	Simmental	PB	Knapper Cattle	Kingman, IN

In addition to the bulls listed above, other bulls with Performance Indexes of 115 or higher are: Hereford #128 @ 124.0, Able Acres; SimAngus #136 @ 119.9, Cedar Hill Land & Cattle Co.; Angus #153 @ 119.7, Way View Cattle Co.; Angus #138 @ 117.7 and #141 @ 115.7, Kiata Farms; Angus #65 @ 116.3, Stewart Select Angus; Angus #10 @ 116.2, Bill Washburn; and Angus #183 @ 115.9 and #185 @ 115.7, KB Farms.

Two gets are leading among 15 Get-of-Sire groups, with a 106.7 Performance Index. Get #1 is from Kohli Farms with SimAngus bulls #11, 16, and 19 sired by Deer Valley All In. Get #5 is from Stewart Select Angus with Angus bulls #55, 56, and 57 sired by Connealy Cool 39L. Other high-indexing get-of-sire groups belong to: Rolling Acres Angus, Angus get of SS Niagara C2; Gher Angus Farm and The Raven, Angus get of MW First Discovery 35; Kiata Farms, Angus get of VF Ottawa 505; Stewart Select Angus, Angus get of SS Niagara Z29; and Eagle River Angus, Angus get of VAR Discovery 2240.

We greatly appreciate those who assisted with weighing, doing initial inspection by the Soundness Committee, taking ultrasound measurements, and videotaping the bulls. If you can help when bulls are scanned on March 20, contact Brad Shelton or Nick Minton for specific timing. Off test weights and final structural soundness are March 26, and March 29 is when we will be doing breeding soundness exams and freeze branding sale eligible bulls; so there are several chances to help out in March.

2018 Summer Test: Rules and entry forms will be mailed soon. If you do not receive an entry form, please call if you need one, or get it from the IBEP website (you can also enter your bulls online). Bulls born May 1 - October 31, 2017 are eligible, including nonrecorded and composite breed bulls. Bulls' WPDA must be at least 2.25 lb when delivered for the Summer Test on May 1. **Entry deadline is April 9.** The 125-day performance test begins May 22 and ends September 24, 2018. The 82nd IBEP Bull Sale will be October 20 at the Springville Feeder Auction, and will follow the Heifer and Cow Sale sponsored by the Springville Feeder Auction Association. Heifers and cows will sell at 2:00 p.m., with the bull sale following.

CATTLEMEN'S CALENDAR: County beef cattle groups are encouraged to contact IBEP to help on weighdays/workdays shown below. Activities usually begin around 9:00 a.m. Bring a potential cooperator or bull buyer to give them a first-hand look at the bulls, facilities and the central testing program.

Tues., March 20	--	Ultrasound younger bulls.
Mon., March 26	--	Record off-test weights; measure hip height and scrotal circumference; TB injection.
Thurs., March 29	--	Breeding soundness evaluations, freeze brand, and read TB test.
Mon., April 9	--	Entry deadline for 2018 Summer Test.
Thurs., April 19	--	81 st IBEP Sale, Springville Feeder Auction, 6:00 pm.
Tues., May 1	--	Delivery of bulls for 2018 Summer Test.
June 20-23	--	BIF Research Symposium & Convention, Loveland, Colorado. For information, visit the web site at: http://www.beefimprovement.org/library/general-information
